

Greetings:

I understand that expenses continue to rise in the service industry, the government not excluded. I feel that due to the fact that there is a lot of Amateur's volunteering time/ money/ equipment for emergency services and exploration of frequency uses, that additional expenses for licencing is not appropriate. Maybe a fee for new applications can be justified somehow but renewals are only a key stroke away and should not be an expense item, particularly with Vanity call signs. Those who have Vanity calls are also prompt to pay their renewal. Then there is the Vanity operator that has a nostalgic need to keep a family member's call and continue the hobby in the same vain as its predisessor. These types of Vanity operators should be encouraged not hindered more with associated costs. I would encourage all that is involved in this decision to strike the sections dealing with "renewal" of Vanity license, especially when it is a call of a deceased family member. Little drops of human kindness, financially, can go a long way in making the whole machine work smoother together.

Thank you for your time.

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